

From the Editors

Although this issue is not 'themed' as such, its contents have a decided leaning towards the botanical end of the natural history spectrum. Two of the papers offered here focus on aspects of plant life. Even within that commonality, however, there is diversity in many features. The localities concerned — Wilsons Promontory and the alpine zone in the Snowy Mountains — are of different types; and the specific focus of each report differs markedly.

Both of these papers are good examples of natural history studies, all the more interesting because of the differing context in which the work reported was done. That one study was carried out within the academic world while the other was in large measure a voluntary study done principally for the interest of its participants, only underlines the view that natural history has applications in a broad range of contexts.

By way of maintaining our usual diversity of content, we include in this issue a paper on sightings of Killer Whales around the south-east coast. Sightings of whales around the Victorian coast are a common occurrence, which is more than can be said for sightings of papers about whales in *The Victorian Naturalist*.

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